

REGULAR MEETING OF THE VETERAN TOWN BOARD

March 9, 2023

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:

Board members present:

Henke
Winkky
O'Brien
Lewis

Absent:

Lapierre

Others present:

C. Rhodes: highway superintendent
V. Azzarelli: zoning board of appeals chairman
W. Wolf: planning board member
D. Adams: planning board chairman
M. DeMichele: planning board member
M. Watts: Soil & water
C. Edwards: zoning board of appeals member
J. Groff: attorney via phone
B. Gruver: resident
T. Roe: resident
C. Vonderchek: resident
C. Jones: resident
J. Savash: bookkeeper
L. Hess: perspective town justice
J. Gaylord: property owner
R. Difasi: resident

New Business:

Bookkeeper John Savash spoke to the board about investment option for Towns Funds. Much discussion was held about NYCLASS.

Mark Watts from Chemung County MS-4 was present to speak to the board about

Resolution No.42/23

Relative to Signing Letter of Support for MS4

Motion by: Lewis

Seconded by: Winkky

Whereas, the Town of Veteran Town Supervisor David Lewis was approached by the deputy county executive with a letter that previously read into the events of this meeting and,

Whereas, with the lack of information and without board support did not sign the letter of support.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, the Town Board of the Town of Veteran hereby directs and authorizes Supervisor David Lewis to enter into a signature on the letter of support for MS4 under the Town law.

AYES: Henke, Winkky, O'Brien, Lewis

NAYS: None

Audit the Bills:

Motion was made by Henke seconded by O'Brien to authorize payment of bills with the totals that follow:

"A" Fund: \$12,306.63

"B" Fund: \$1,565.02

"SF" Fund: \$79,000

"DA" Fund: \$7,885.78

"DB" Fund: \$9,124.66

AYES: Winkky, O'Brien, Henke, Lewis

NAYS: None

Minutes:

Motion was made by Henke seconded by O'Brien to accept the minutes of 2/9/23 and 2/16/23 as submitted.

AYES: O'Brien, Henke, Winkky yes for 2/3 and abstain 2/16 (due to attendance), Lewis

NAYS: None

Petitions and Communications:

- Agreement for Multi - Municipal Youth Group Program Year 2023. Village of Odessa.
- Chemung County Sheriff monthly report
- Millport Fire Dept. monthly report

Planning Board/ Zoning Board of Appeals:

- Planning board met 3/6
- Kalec was remote. Much discussion was held about video conferencing. Attorney will provide information including authorized absenteeism such as being away for work.
- Upcoming CCC training
- Two people interested in filling the seat for zoning board of appeals
- Tim Roe
- Cory Vonderchek
- Nothing for ZBA

Code Enforcement Officers Report:

Motion was made by Lewis seconded by Henke to accept the report as submitted.

AYES: Henke, Winkky, O'Brien, Lewis

NAYS: None

Green Committee/ Stormwater Committee:

- Short meeting
- Developing farmers market in Town selling local produce

Supervisors Report:

- Bookkeeper working on the January and February reports
- Annual report done and filed/ advertised
- MS4, Soil & Water report
 - a. Elmira sewer project trouble with osprey birds
 - b. Hazardous mitigation grants high hazardous damns
 - c. Climate change
 - d. Tree inventory tree hazards
 - e. Training loggers & slumping
 - f. Talked about correct place to plant trees
 - g. Spring activities: tire and electronic collection
 - h. MS4 fall outs
 - i. DEC not invited to meetings

Motion was made by Henke seconded by Winkky to accept the report as given.

AYES: Winkky, O'Brien Henke, Lewis

NAYS: None

Clerks Report:

Motion was made by Winkky seconded by Henke to accept the report as submitted.

AYES: O'Brien, Henke, Winkky, Lewis

NAYS: None

Highway Superintendents Report:

- Cutting trees on Burch Hill Rd.
- Renting sweeper April 3rd
- Pop up snow storms keeping us busy
- All trucks are working good
- Salt barn still good
- Horseheads helping with chipper
- Looking at roads not ready for road projects
- Vargo Rd bridge repair starts in a couple weeks. Closing end of March

Motion was made by Lewis seconded by Winkky to accept the report as given.

AYES: Henke, Winkky, O'Brien, Lewis

NAYS: None

Public Comment:

- Tim Roe interested in zoning board of appeals position
- Cory Vonderchek interested in zoning board position. Spoke about the solar. Should have a cap so many per square mile. Make sure fire departments are equipped and trained in solar.
- Mario DeMichele spoke about the solar is a hot topic with the planning board and comprehensive plan committee.
- Bill Gruver asked if the MS4 amount will raise if going to be run by the county. And the clerks' position should remain elected.
- J. Gaylord: purchases Angie' Trailer Park would like water put in. He was instructed the water system belongs to the village and it doesn't go that far down.
- V. Azzarelli: addressed the toxicology of solar from NYS Emergency Management, it takes 6000 gallon of water to extinguish a car battery
- Winston Wolf spoke about defending the Towns heritage. Discussed subject from past meeting about getting involved in the 200th year anniversary of the Town of Veteran.
- R. Difasi addressed the property maintenance of neighborhood property. Property is located at 80 Old Sullivanville Rd. I live at 68 E. Sullivanville Rd. this property is bringing down the value of our properties and she needs to be sighted. Asked if she spoke to code enforcement she replied she has not.
- Lisa Hess introduced herself and her experiences and that she is running for Town Justice

Motions and Resolutions:

Motion was made by Henke seconded by Lewis to enter the Bi-Centennial celebration under new business.

AYES Winkky, O'Brien, Henke, Lewis NAYS: None

Resolution No.43/23
Relative to Budget Transfers

Motion by: Lewis

Seconded by: Winkky

Motion was made to authorize transfers as stated:

From:	To:	Amount:
A Fund:		
A1910.400	A1450.400	\$655.00
DA Fund:		
DA5130.400	DA5130.200	\$8,725.00
DA5130.400	DA5142.400	\$8,714.00
DB Fund:		
DB5110.400	DB5110.100	\$28,184.00
DB5110.400	DB5110.401	\$6,894.00
DB9010.800	DB9030.800	\$1,596.00

AYES: O'Brien, Henke, Winkky, Lewis

NAYS: None

Resolution No.44/23
Relative to Agreement for Youth Program

Motion by: Lewis

Seconded by: Winkky

Motion was made to authorize Supervisor David Lewis to sign the agreement.

AYES: O'Brien, Henke, Winkky, Lewis

NAYS: None

Resolution No.45/23
Relative to Investment Policy

Motion by: Lewis

Seconded by: O'Brien

Whereas the Town of Veteran adopted an investment policy as required by law initially in December 1993 and,

Whereas, over time different investment choices have materialized for municipal funds but

Such as New York cooperative assess security systems and others and,

Whereas, the town bookkeeper has recommended modification of the towns investment policy,

Now Therefor Be It Resolved, that the investment policy is amended to authorize New York Cooperative Liquid Asset Security System and Five Star bank further depositories

Be It further Resolved, Supervisor David Lewis is authorized and directed to execute any and all documents necessary for the town to establish a depository relationship with both entities,

Be It Further Resolved, shall take effect immediately.

AYES: Henke, Winkky, O'Brien, Lewis

NAYS: None

Old Business:

- Salt barn project:
 - a. Draft RFP
 - b. Consulting with Hunt Engineering
 - c. Ken spoke to JGK Associates about salt barns a vendor at the NYC conference
- Wedge Solar:
 - a. Was able to connect with the people as well as Joe Roman.
 - b. Feasible without NYS tax allotments.
 - c. IDA back up
- Comprehensive plan review committee:
 - a. Met Tuesday March 7th by zoom.
 - b. Put together top 5 concerns
 - c. Next meeting March 30th
- Board of Assessment Review Applicants:
 - a. None
- Zoning Board of Appeals Applicants:
 - a. Motion was made by Lewis seconded by Henke to appoint Vinnie Azzarelli and Liane O'Brien as a committee to interview applicants for the position.
AYES: Henke, Winkky, O'Brien, Lewis
NAYS: None
- Deputy Clerk appointment:
 - Motion was made by O'Brien seconded by Winkky to authorize the clerk to advertise for a deputy at a pay rate of \$21.50 per hour.
AYES: Henke, Winkky, O'Brien, Lewis
NAYS: None
- Website update:
 - a. Lewis and O'Brien are working diligently on it.

New Business:

- Much discussion was held about the Town 200 Bi-Centennial
- Henke requested advertising for bids for mowing the 2 cemeteries.

Motion was made by Lewis seconded by Henke to adjourn at 9:40pm

All in favor

Patricia R. Manwaring

Clerk

